

AGENDA

LITIGATION SECTION OF THE STATE BAR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, February 28, 2009

Marina Room

Hilton Los Angeles Airport Hotel

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

I. CALL TO ORDER AND CHAIR'S COMMENTS (Nysten) 11:00 a.m.

II. CONSENT AGENDA 11:05 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the January 17, 2009 meeting
- B. Financial Report

III. ACTION ITEMS (to discuss in detail after brief reports on business matters as set forth below)

- A. Continue the discussion regarding the Ex Comm's direction concerning CLE in general in the current economy
 - who is our target demographic? (experienced or new lawyers or both?)
 - where are the best markets? (large versus small cities?)
 - what is the best format? (in person versus online; master classes, young lawyers, best practices)
- B. Nominations for 2009 Trial Lawyer Hall of Fame
- C. Nominations for Ex Comm appointments -- APRIL 14 DEADLINE
- D. Branding the Section -- creating a logo (discuss hiring graphic designer)

IV. BUSINESS MATTERS - 2009 INITIATIVES

A. TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (Nysten):

1. Discuss transition to "paperless Ex Comm"
2. Discuss arrangements for workroom training with Susan Orloff: committee and working group chairs need to set up as soon as possible; ADR committee as model. Mention need to do this asap because of e-mail attachment size limitations. Perhaps set up sessions with slots in advance and fill them afterwards?
3. Report re status of statewide e-filing project
4. Toolbox--coordination with Mentoring Project
 - (a) Index of articles (5 years back) with searchable .pdfs
 - (b) Webpage with local rules links:
www.courtinfo.ca.gov/rules/localrules.htm

B. BEST PRACTICES/YOUNG LAWYERS COMMITTEES

(Bodzin/England/Cappelluti)

1. Best Practices
 - (a) Sacramento (McGeorge)
 - (b) San Francisco
2. Young Lawyers
 - (a) April 27 LA
 - (b) Annual Meeting Program
 - (c) New Practitioners Guide

C. OUTREACH AND DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

(Geibelson/Wright)

- (a) Per Jackie's report, focus groups are not productive
- (b) Concentrate on events where Section can reach out to younger attorneys and determine what we can offer as a section; revamp survey we sent out several years ago (volunteers?)
- (c) Report on Jay Chung and Judge Crispo's appearance on behalf of Section at Loyola's Law School Bar Association Day
- (d) Plan similar appearances in future -- Jamie Errecart will be attending events at McGeorge and UC Davis
- (e) Teleconferences with in-house/corporate counsel who are members of the Section
- (f) Program re entering the legal profession for law students and new bar admittees

D. POCKET GUIDE WORKING GROUP

(Bodzin)

- 1. E-discovery
- 2. Motion Practice
- 3. Trial Objections
- 4. Deposition Practice
- 5. Proposed Form Interrogatories for Other Specific Practice Areas (Wrongful Death, Unfair Competition, Others?)

E. HOT TOPIC WEBINAR OR BROWN BAG MEETINGS

(McGill)

- 1. Loan Modification -- Housing Crisis
- 2. Fast Case -- Alternative to Westlaw
- 3. Tour of Historic California Courthouses
- 4. Referral Network

F. ADR Committee
(Berwanger)

Refer to written report from ADR Committee

G. LEGAL ASIA PROGRAM
(Barber/Wilson)

1. Networking event at Deacons, oldest law firm in Hong Kong, and King & Wood, largest law firm in mainland China
2. Chambers Visit program includes several small and mid-size law firms
3. Including Rimsky Yuen, Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association and Lester Huang, President of The Law Society of Hong Kong as speakers
4. Publicity: to date, only a single paragraph in the "You Need To Know" section of the California Bar Journal. This alone resulted in over 40 calls and 4 registrations.
5. Launching planned marketing effort this week with first of several e-advertisements and e-blasts, plus $\frac{1}{2}$ page ads in the CBJ starting with March issue.
6. Goal is sold-out program

H. MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS.

Witness Deposition and Cross Examination CD (Nysten)

Footage went to editor this past week on a hard drive; he should have estimate for us shortly

V. BUSINESS MATTERS - ONGOING INITIATIVES

1. Jury Instructions (Bodzin)

- (a) Solicit comments to new CACI instructions

- (b) Discuss format of future reports -- keep comments on document versus stand-alone report. Can we obtain version in Word?

2. **Litigation Review** (Fabiano/Lam)

3. **Legislative and Rules Committee** (Chatterjee)

- (a) Discuss proposed amendment to Code of Civil Procedure section 2031.240 re privilege logs
- (b) Anything else?

4. **Education and Program Committee** (Rodich)

- (a) Report re SEI in Berkeley
- (b) 16 Programs at Annual Meeting in San Diego

5. **Law Suits Program** - (Rodich)

- (a) Discuss plans to go national

6. **Council of State Bar Sections** (J. Wright)

- (a) Report from February 24, 2009 meeting
- (b) Overhead cost per member less than expected -- \$37.53 per member when it was projected to be \$41.00+
- (c) Discuss changes to State Bar website--need volunteer(s) to review Section pages to see what we need to keep and/or move to Members Only section. Discuss Greg's call on this issue from Peter Bronson, Chair of Business Law Section on this issue
- (d) Complimentary 2009 Section Membership for New Admittees -- 231 accepted. Need volunteer(s) (from Outreach/Mentoring Committee?) to make contact with them, welcome them, thank them and encourage renewal.

- (e) Increasing young lawyer bar involvement -- see memo from Paul Kramer of the Board of Governors attached to Jackie's report. Discuss possibility of adding Ex Comm seat for new admittee
- (f) Renewals of complimentary section memberships at 2008 Annual Meeting -- 700 accepted. Jackie is getting info re those who chose Litigation
- (g) Affinity Project -- check website for new associations such as B of A, T Mobile, Corevault, etc.

7. Litigation Update (Mellor)

VI. NEXT MEETING - APRIL 25 IN OAKLAND

ADJOURNMENT